(*e*) (i) The compulsory and timely destruction of the borer-affected coffee plants, allowed to remain mixed up with healthy ones or thrown about in the estates or by the road side. This measure saved lakhs of healthy plants from the ravage of the Borer pest.

(ii) In addition to the above measure, advice and help were rendered to the planters in other borer control methods, *viz.*, scrubbing of the plant stems, hand-picking of the borer beetles and application of tar emulsion stem washes.

(iii) Large numbers of departmental circulars in Kannada and English with regard to the borer control methods to be adopted by the planters were distributed among the planters.

Capital Outlay on Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway.

Q.—30. **Mr. B. A. SAMPATH** (Hassan Municipality) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the capital outlay on Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the capital cost has been raised by shares;

(*c*) whether they are aware that 4 per cent interest is being paid on the said share capital;

(*d*) whether it is not in conformity with the guarantee afforded by Government;

(*e*) whether it is possible to pay 4 per cent out of the income derived from this Railway?

A.—**The FINANCIAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT.**—

(*a*) Rs. 16,23,301 to the end of 1937-38.

(*b*) Yes. Partly (Rs. 6,95,766).

(*c*) Yes, till 1945.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Feeder Channel from Sathehalla to Konanur Doddakere.

Q.—31. **Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH** (Arkalgud Taluk) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether survey operations have been finished and estimates prepared for the construction of a feeder channel from Satehalla to Konanur Doddakere as promised by Government in reply to Question No. 27 of October Session of 1937;

(*b*) if survey is completed, the estimated cost therefor;

(*c*) whether the details of this survey and the plan and estimate can be placed on the table of this House?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**

(*a*) Survey work has been completed. Plans and estimates are under preparation.

(*b*) The estimate is not yet ready.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) above.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Has the survey for the entire project been completed?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—What is the extent of land which the project is expected to benefit?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The survey has just been completed. Details can be known only after the preparation of the estimate.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—There are 4 or 5 minor tanks on the way. Has any survey been conducted for the improvement of those tanks also?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No separate survey is necessary. Tanks on the way will be improved in the usual course.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—If that is so, I am thankful. Otherwise, may I specially plead that Government provide for the improvement of those minor tanks also as part of this project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes. This will be seen to.